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SUBJECT: HUNGARY'S REPLY TO FAO BUDGET - DEMARCHE FOR ZERO
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11. (SBU) EconOff delivered reftel points to Bernadett Kollar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of Unit for International Organizations. Ms. Kollar stated that while she was not specifically aware of the Food and Agricultural Organization's (FAO) proposed budget increase, Hungary would likely take a similar stance as the U.S. on this issue. She added that unexpected budget increases--not just with the FAO but with UN organizations in general--make Hungary's budget planning difficult. Kollar stated that further internal coordination would take place with the Ministry of Agriculture and its Brussels Permrep. EconOff asked Kollar to share Hungary's position with us if something different than expected emerges.
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